

THE REAL SOUTH

South Carolinians Give Mr. Washington a sample of Their Hospitality. An Admirable Address for the Benefit of the Education of the White Youths of the State. Notes.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special. — Does the world move? Is the Negro making his way in the South? He is. Booker T. Washington, the foremost apostle of industrial education as well as champion of the rights of his race, the tribune of his people visited this famous old southern city, Monday, April 15th, under the most pleasing and pleasant circumstances. Spartanburg has long been known for its wealth as well as for the conservatism of its people. The two races live together in perfect unity. The occasion of Mr. Washington's visit here was an invitation extended him on the part of the white citizens of Spartanburg by the cashier of the western bank in Spartanburg, the address being delivered for the benefit of the Wofford College and Converse College, the two leading institutions for the education of the white youth of the state. Wofford College is fifty years old and has at the head of it a man who has been connected with it since its beginning. He was a member of the South Carolina Secession Convention, and so his presence upon the rostrum as presiding officer when Mr. Washington spoke is an occasion of more than passing significance. The fact that a Negro should be invited under such circumstances as these is cause for congratulation, and the colored citizens of Spartanburg are overjoyed that one of their race should be honored as Mr. Washington was honored here this week.

Mr. Washington's address was a stirring, manly appeal for justice for his race in all matters that concern its welfare. The most encouraging thing about the whole address was the splendid reception accorded it. Tickets of admission were placed on sale three days in advance and every seat was taken as well as all the aisles crowded. More than 500 people, white and black, were turned away from the doors of the opera house, being unable to secure entrance. The ovation tendered this representative of the race was one such as has been tendered no lecturer who has ever come to Spartanburg. To say that he had his audience with him from start to finish is but the statement of a fact. Mr. Washington reminded his hearers that the Negro is making progress such as has been made by no race starting under similar circumstances in the history of the world. To those who say that the Negro is retrograding the answer was made that even in many communities with the white people are evidences of progress of which they know but little. To his colored hearers words of admonition were addressed which are sure to be productive of favorable results. At the conclusion of Mr. Washington's address, Dr. Carlisle, the venerable President of Wofford College, who introduced him, though bent with years, rushed across the stage and warmly grasped him by the hand. The great audience arose as one and rapturously cheered the spectacle of a colored college president, once a slave, and the white president of one of the leading educational institutions of the South hand-clasped before them.

So enamored were they of the address delivered at the opera house, an invitation was extended Mr. Washington asking him to speak the next day to the young men of Wofford College in their college chapel. The invitation was accepted, and the spectacle of a

Negro addressing southern whites in their own hearth was afforded. This is the second time that Mr. Washington has spoken to an audience of southern college young men, the first occasion being his address before the students of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. some years ago.

Mr. Washington's coming to Spartanburg will do much good. It has already done good as is evidenced by what has been said by the leading citizens of the place who listened to Mr. Washington with such delight and who feel now more than ever their duty and responsibility to their black brethren. We are glad that Mr. Washington has been able to come among us. He is worthy of all the honors which are coming to him.

NOT A SUCCESS.

The Midget Leader From Georgia Descants on the Problem of the Hour.

The Bee in its last issue failed to call the attention of its readers to the fatal blunder made by Prof. R. B. Wright in his interview before the Industrial Commission, when he said that the ex-slave was not a success. Indeed the ex-slave can show more accomplishments than the free born Negro. If you will investigate a little, you will find that the ex-slave owns more property than the free born Negroes. Every prominent office that has ever been filled, to a great extent, has been by an ex-slave. The ex-slave has shown more sense and tact than any free-born Negro that has attempted to aspire to Negro leadership.

The true history of the Negro race must be written by an impartial historian. Can such a one be found in this or any other country? Since the emancipation of the Negro there have sprung up hundreds of Negroes who are jealous of each other. The cry from the South has been, that the Negro should be left alone. That they are receiving the necessary educational facilities. What is Prof. Wright after? Is he looking for another job? Is his appeal for national aid an indication for something for himself? Would it not be in good taste for Prof. Wright to remain quiet a little while before The Bee publishes some unwritten history? The ex-slave is a success. —The Bee

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